

February 27, 2009

The Life of Dorothy Marie Nelson

- The funeral for Dorothy Marie Nelson, 90, Aberdeen and formerly of Frederick, will be held Saturday, Feb. 28, 2 p.m., at Savo Lutheran Church, 5 miles East and 3 miles North of Frederick, with the Rev. Galen Sylvester officiating. Spring burial will be at Savo Lutheran Cemetery, rural Frederick.
- A prayer service will be held Friday, Feb. 27, 7 p.m., at Schriver's Memorial Mortuary & Crematory, 414 5th Ave. NW, Aberdeen. Visitation will be held Friday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the mortuary and one hour prior to the service on Saturday, at the church.
- Dorothy died Monday, February 23, 2009 at Aberdeen Health & Rehab, Aberdeen.
- Dorothy Marie (Peterson) Nelson, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, was born on May 21, 1918 to John and Tynne (Oosi) Peterson in Frederick, South Dakota, where she was raised, attended rural school, and graduated from



Frederick High School. She later attended Northern Normal Teachers College in Aberdeen and received her teaching credentials. Dorothy taught for five years in a Frederick rural school. She then moved to San Francisco, CA, and worked as a governess.

- Dorothy married Clifford Nelson on January 25, 1942 in Portland, OR. In 1944 they moved to Frederick where they farmed in Savo Township for nine years. They returned to the west coast and resided in California until 2001 when they moved back to Frederick.
- Dorothy loved writing and reading poetry, painting in oil, gardening, reading, dancing, and traveling. She will be most remembered for her kind and loving heart, total devotion to her family, and her wealth of friends.
- Dorothy lived in the Aberdeen Health and Rehab since the passing of her husband Clifford in July of 2002.
- She is survived by her son Ellis (Nancy) Nelson of Lake St. Louis, MO, daughter Gayla (Lon) Randol of Orange, CA, and sisters Eleanor Hejzmanek of Topeka, KS, and Denise Grohnke of Costa Mesa, CA. Five grandchildren, Rochelle Montreuil, Daniel Randol, Scott Randol, Neal Nelson and Wendy Nelson. Five great grandchildren, Jordan Randol, Gabriel Randol, Chloe Randol, Jacob Nelson and Jaden Nelson.
- Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Clifford, one brother Arnold Peterson and one sister Jean Lund.
- Pallbearers will be Keith Peterson, Gary Peterson, Tom Dosch and Dale Groop. Honorary pallbearers will be Dorothy's grandsons and great grandsons. Organist is Marie Schlosser and the soloist are Heidi Marttila-Losure and Marianne Marttila-Klipfel. Ushers are Merlon Kotila and Tom Dosch.
- Dorothy will be deeply missed by all of those who knew and loved her.

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